



## The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas Tuesday's Today!

### Last Week's Program:

Was an open forum, AND it was an incredible meal...too bad if you missed it!

### This Week's Program:

As a club we successfully navigated the pandemic and despite this Delta variant spike, are still meeting weekly.

When's the last time you attended a meeting of YOUR Rotary club? As life returns to normal, please know that the Rotary isn't an independent thing that carries on without you. The Rotary club is nothing without its members. The Rotary club is nothing without YOU.

Consider therefore that it's time to come back. If you're uncomfortable meeting in person, Zooming in is still an option. Those who Zoom can be fully engaged in the meeting.

Appropriately therefore, this week instead of a speaker, our meeting will focus on Membership! The Membership committee would like the club's input on how to cultivate new members and retain current members. Topics will include:

- How to keep current Rotarians engaged and attending meetings.
- Brainstorm a list of potential new Rotarians/companies we want represented in Rotary.
- Brainstorm the benefits of joining Rotary. We are considered an "expensive club", but why is that? What do we do that's different?
- Should we consider a membership scholarship?

These are just a few topics up for discussion. Please bring names and ideas with you!

Those who can't be there in person can log on via Zoom:

Time: Tuesday August 17, 2021 12:10 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89424828923>

Meeting ID: 894 2482 8923

Passcode: 702744

OR, using your phone:

Dial in: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 894 2482 8923

Passcode: 702744

## Scheduled Committee Meetings:

Board meeting, Thursday, September 9, at 8am via Zoom. Board members will receive an email with the contact info.

## Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

- At our board meeting on Thursday, near the top of our agenda was discussion as to how we as a club could help those folks newly displaced because of the recent fire in the center of New Hartford. As an initial step we decided to make a quick preliminary donation to a fund established at the New Hartford branch of the Northwest Community Bank. Graciously, John Lavieri volunteered to actually deliver the check yesterday and his synopsis of the day is as follows:

Thanks to the thoughtful and decisive action by the board yesterday morning, and fast response by Jen and Maria, I was able to deliver a Rotary check for \$1500 to Christine Hayward at the New Hartford Town Hall yesterday about 1:30. First Selectman Dan Jerram, not surprisingly, was out of the office while I was there. On behalf of the fire victims, and the citizens of New Hartford, Christine expressed deep gratitude for Rotary's prompt response to this human tragedy. She promised to stay in touch with us as future needs become better defined.

Separately, as requested by the board, I put in a call to [Rev.] Kevin Mongeau, [of St. Paul's Lutheran church in New Hartford.] He is somewhat overwhelmed right now and may or may not be able to call me back. However, I left a clear message about the delivery of the check, [and] of our future support.

One idea I failed to mention at our meeting came from Bill Ryan Tuesday. He suggested that we may have some club members who

would want to contribute quietly, or even anonymously. He thought perhaps we could set up a fund to encourage members to do so. I guess we could use Tuesday's Sergeant-at-Arms pot as a basis for the fund. For those directors not present Tuesday, Vic dedicated our Fines and Happy Dollar collection to the fire victims. Then we could pass the money through as another Rotary check.

Personal comment: The velocity and power of the action we took yesterday make me proud to be a Rotarian. ***Service through acquaintanceship.***

Yours in Rotary,  
John

- We have a new proposed member to consider... Donna Bielefield. This shall serve as official notice of her intent to join the club. Anyone with any information which may impact her membership, please contact Jessica Gueniat at: [jessh@torringtonlibrary.org](mailto:jessh@torringtonlibrary.org)
- The Rotary district is having a golf tournament and we're sending 4 members to play. If you have any interest in being one of the foursome that we send to Longmeadow MA on September 28<sup>th</sup>, please communicate that to president Vic. For more info please see: <https://rotarydistrict7890.org/Stories/register-now-for-the-district-golf-outing!>

## Golf Tournament:

Sarah Langlois reminds all of their volunteer commitments for the upcoming Golf Tournament on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached document delineating everyone's responsibilities.

## Birthdays:

Harding, William.....05 August  
Power, Patrick.....06 August  
Rovezzi, Guy.....11 August  
Gueniat, Jessica.....15 August  
Menard, Michael.....19 August  
Paradise, Peter.....22 August  
Gonzalez, Maria.....28 August  
Oneglia, Cynthia.....29 August  
Quinn, Owen.....30 August

## Club Anniversaries:

Rovezzi, Robert.....08/14/79..... 42 years

## Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

Gueniat, Jessica.....August 17, 2021

Gargiulo, John.....Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Gueniat, Jessica.....August 31, 2021

Hall, Lee.....September 7, 2021

DiCara, Deirdre.....September 14, 2021

Open.....September 21, 2021

Ives-Groebel, Jennifer.....September 28, 2021

King, Robert.....October 5, 2021

Lavieri, John.....October 12, 2021

Libby, Gerald..... October 19, 2021

Logan, John R..... October 26, 2021

Open.....November 2, 2021

Magistrali, Michael.....November 9, 2021

Mattiello, Brian..... November 16, 2021

McCormick, Brian.....November 23, 2021

Menard, Michael.....November 30, 2021

Michalowski, Gerald.....December 7, 2021

Muschell, Victor.....December 14, 2021

Myers, Rita..... December 21, 2021

O'Connell, Douglas.....December 28, 2021

If you've scrolled down this far, you're one of my favorite people! Please remember to watch this space weekly so that you can appropriately plan for when it's your time to provide the club with a program/speaker. All of us working together in this regard makes for more interesting meetings and a better, more informed club!

If your presenter will require the projector and the screen to be set up, please let Matt know ASAP. Also, please let your presenter know that if there's any concerns about the functionality of their presentation, an option is for them to email any presentation they may have to Matt ahead of time who can install their presentation on his laptop to minimize potential complications.

It is your responsibility to introduce your speaker.

Please inform the speaker of the following guidelines of The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas:

- They will have at most ½ hour to do their presentation. Including time for questions.
- It is not the policy of the Club to donate funds raised from the Sergeant-at-Arms presentation to the organization represented by the speaker on the day of the presentation.
- Further, an invitation to make a presentation to The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas does not suggest that the Club endorses the presenter's views - political or otherwise.
- The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas does not provide an honorarium or reimburse a speaker in any way and a presentation to the Club should not be made with an expectation of financial support.

## Torrington/Winsted Rotary Links:

Website: <http://twrotary.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TWRotary/>

Rotary Web-Photo Albums: [Web Photo Albums](#)

“Be more kind than necessary, for everyone you will meet today is fighting some sort of battle.”

-K. Purcell

Respectfully submitted, your temporary scribe,

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